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GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

None at this time.

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SECTION 1
NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO.	--	9618
CAPTION	--	Commission Proposal to Adopt Amendments to 16 T.A.C. 8.1.
DATE FILED	--	October 17, 2005
FILED BY	--	Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER	--	Mary Ross McDonald
DOCKET NO.	--	9619
CAPTION	--	Appeal Filed by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division for Review of Municipal Rate Actions Regarding the Annual Grip Filing from the Cities of Axle and Van Alstyne.
DATE FILED	--	October 13, 2005
FILED BY	--	John K. Arnold
EXAMINER	--	Stephen Pitner
DOCKET NO.	--	9620
CAPTION	--	Statement of Intent file by Aransas Natural Gas Co., to Change the Rates in the Environs of the Cities of Rockport and Fulton.
DATE FILED	--	October 14, 2005
FILED BY	--	Thomas K. Anson
EXAMINER	--	Eugene Montes
DOCKET NO.	--	9621
CAPTION	--	Application filed by Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline, L.P. to Review the Purchase of the Benedum pipeline system from El Paso Natural Gas Company.
DATE FILED	--	October 17, 2005
FILED BY	--	Lee Baskin
EXAMINER	--	Danny Bivens
DOCKET NO.	--	9622
CAPTION	--	Application for Relocation Cost Recovery for the Environs of the Central Texas Service Area, filed by Texas Gas Service a Division of ONEOK, Inc.
DATE FILED	--	October 18, 2005
FILED BY	--	Greg Phillips
EXAMINER	--	Mark Evarts

SECTION 2
APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

None at this time.

SECTION 3
STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None at this time.

SECTION 4
NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None at this time.

SECTION 5
ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

None at this time.

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ELIZABETH A. JONES, CHAIRMAN
MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER
VICTOR G. CARRILLO, COMMISSIONER



**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS
NATURAL GAS COMPETITION STUDY**

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) will hold workshops on the following dates and locations to receive feedback from affected parties regarding the referenced study to determine the extent to which viable competition exists in the Texas natural gas pipeline industry. The Commissioners are anticipating a beneficial dialogue, and are planning to attend as many of the workshops as their schedules allow.

- **November 15th: Amarillo.** Amarillo Public Library; Southwest Branch; 6801 West 45th St.; Main Conference Room. Time – 12:00 pm to 3:30pm. Parking at the library.
- **November 17th: San Antonio.** University of Texas at San Antonio DOWNTOWN CAMPUS; 501 W. Durango Blvd.; Durango Bldg. #1; Room 1.124 (Campus map available at www.utsa.edu/maps/downtown/). Time – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Parking on the Durango Loop surface parking area.
- **November 21st: Midland.** University of Texas Permian Basin; Auditorium for the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED); 1400 North FM 1788 and State Highway 191. Time – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Parking is available at the CEED.
- **November 22nd: Abilene.** Hardin Simmons University, 2200 Hickory Street; Multipurpose Room; Johnson Bldg. Time – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Parking in the surface lot southeast of the Johnson Bldg. On Cedar Street.
- **December 5th: Houston.** Hyatt Regency; 1200 Louisiana; Time – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Parking available in the hotel parking garage.
- **December 7th: Dallas.** SMU Cox School of Business; Executive Education, James M. Collins Center, 3150 Binkley Avenue. Time – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Parking at the Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. or the Moody garage, 3060 SMU Blvd.
- **December 8th: Kilgore.** East Texas Oil Museum; Highway 259 at Ross. Time – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Parking available at the museum.

Workshop Questions For Attendees To Be Prepared To Discuss:

1. With respect to existing natural gas gathering arrangements you have, are there terms, conditions, or provisions of those arrangements you believe are abusive or discriminatory?
2. Other than fees assessed for natural gas transportation, what other service fees have you been assessed that you believe are either inappropriate or unnecessary?
3. Has there ever been an incident or incidences when a pipeline has not agreed to take your gas?
4. Within the past 5 years, has there ever been an incident or incidences where you have failed to be paid for gas you delivered?
5. Have you ever been denied access to a gathering system?
6. Please identify any reasons you have had a complaint, but chose not to file it with the RRC.
7. Apart from the RRC's formal and informal complaint process, do you have suggestions for better approaches for resolving gathering disputes?
8. Do you have suggestions for improving the RRC's existing complaint process?
9. What data or information should be provided to the RRC to ensure fair and competitive prices and allow you to mitigate potential disputes?
10. How should the information referenced in Question #9 be disclosed to industry and the public?

Questions concerning the workshop or this notice should be referred to Danny Bivens at (512) 475-1958.

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SECTION 6
MISCELLANEOUS**STEPHEN L. PITNER, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR****1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR****A. Publications**

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules - \$15.00
2.
 - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission’s website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents02.html>
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission’s website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
 - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
 - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998 - \$7.00 (includes statistical data for 1997)
3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission’s website at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Central Records Section at 512-463-6887 OR 512-463-6882 P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2005 is 6.00%. All gas utilities should use this rate.

2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION**A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building 1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701	Telephone (512) 463-7022
Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section	Fax (512) 475-3180
Shannon Miller, Program Specialist	
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 Dallas District- 1546 Rowlett Rd., Suite 107, Garland, Texas 75043	 Telephone (972) 240-5757
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Bryan L. Sparkman, Auditor
Konata Uzoma, Auditor

Telephone (713) 869-8425
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B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Rachel Hampton at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Rachel Hampton or Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

C. Available Information

Copies of gas utility annual reports (1999 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of five days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

3. MARKET OVERSIGHT

A. Maintains the following office to assist you:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711
William O. Geise, Director

Telephone (512) 463-7164

B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/rapbls.html>.

C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/pfds.html>.

D. Tariff Filings

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Yolanda Lovelace or Marie Blanco at (512) 463-7164.

E. Curtailments

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

F. Compliance Filings

Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Mark Brock at (512) 463-7164.

G. Complaints and Inquiries

All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.

H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:

GUD No. 9275 Amendments to §7.512 NGPA Section 311 Rate Review

GUD No. 9276 Amendments to §7.511 TUC Section 102.054 Sale, Transfer, Merger Reviews

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

4. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. Miscellaneous

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

B. Status of Pending Cases

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.